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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the Statewide results of the May Cattle on Feed Survey.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer
Director

IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on May 1, 2006 totaled 245,000 head, up 2 percent from the May 1, 2005 inventory. The inventory was down 2 percent from the number on hand April 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during April totaled 31,000 head, down 8,000 head from April 2005 placements. Marketings during April totaled 34,000 head, down 3,000 from April 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on May 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above May 1, 2005 and 11 percent above May 1, 2004. This is the highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent below 2005 but 2 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.54 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 385,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, 700-799 pounds were 444,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 530,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.79 million, down slightly from 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of April since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 87,000 during April, 4 percent below 2005 and 10 percent below 2004.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	May 1, 2005	Apr. 1, 2006	May 1, 2006		
			Number	As % of 2005	As % of Apr.
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	330	351	346	105	99
California	500	535	530	106	99
Colorado	970	1,070	1,060	109	99
Idaho	240	250	245	102	98
Iowa	455	500	495	109	99
Kansas	2,260	2,590	2,530	112	98
Nebraska	2,190	2,400	2,320	106	97
New Mexico	114	139	132	116	95
Oklahoma	305	360	340	111	94
South Dakota	200	210	200	100	95
Texas	2,630	2,940	2,910	111	99
Washington	147	152	152	103	100
Other States	300	315	300	100	95
United States	10,641	11,812	11,560	109	98

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

A THANK YOU TO ALL IDAHO FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS

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